

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please replace the claims, including all prior versions, with the listing of claims below.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A grounding switch (4) ~~having comprising~~ a moveable contact piece (3), which passes through an electrically conductive encapsulating housing wall (2) such that it is sealed by means of a sealing element,

~~the moveable contact piece (3) being electrically conductively connected to the encapsulating housing wall (2) via the sealing element in the form of a bellows (7) and being guided in a journal bearing (6) supported on the encapsulating housing (2),~~

~~characterized in that wherein~~

the moveable contact piece (3) can be driven by means of an electrically insulating handle (12).

2. (Currently Amended) The grounding switch (4) as claimed in claim 1,

~~characterized in that wherein~~

the insulating handle (12) is mounted such that it can slide in a guide element (13).